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SENIOR REGISTRATION

The following are enrolled for senior courses:

Elizabeth Anna Banks, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1920. Assistant, Editorial Staff, *The New York Times Index*.

Helen Elizabeth Benson, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1924. Assistant, Seward Park Branch, The New York Public Library.

Esther Boyd, first year work at University of Washington Library School, 1923-24. Assistant, Yorkville Branch, The New York Public Library.

(Mrs.) Emilie P. Chichester, certificate, Pratt Institute School of Library Science, 1918. First assistant, The Brooklyn Public Library.

* Alfred Kai-Ming Chiu, first year work at Boone University Library School, 1920-22, and Library School of The New York Public Library, 1924-25. Librarian, University of Amoy, Amoy, China.

Barbara Ingham Evans, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1923. Reviser, Library School of The New York Public Library.

* Marcelle Frebault, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1924. Acting first assistant, Art Department, Newark Public Library.

Mrs. Anne S. Hutchins, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1923. Office Assistant, Circulation Department, The New York Public Library.

* Mary Elisabeth Jones, first year work at University of Washington Library School, 1922-23. Assistant Librarian, Washington State Normal School, Ellensburg, Washington.

Margaret Markowitz, certificate, Library School of The New York Public Library, 1922. Acting Assistant Librarian, Morrisania Branch, The New York Public Library.

* Zona Peek, certificate, Library School of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta, 1916. Librarian, Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Texas.

COMMENCEMENT

The speaker at the forthcoming Commencement is to be Miss G. M. Walton, head librarian of the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. The exercises will be held in Room 213 of the Central Building at eleven o'clock on the morning of Friday, June 12th, 1925.

* Candidate for diploma, 1925.

The President of the Alumni Association plans to call the annual meeting of the Association for the evening of Thursday, June 11th. Details as to time, place and other arrangements will be announced later.

JUNIOR FIELD WORK

The junior students are spending the period from February 9th to March 7th in field work. A number are assigned to branches and divisions of The New York Public Library as is customary, but circumstances of the year have resulted in the sending of more students than usual to other libraries. Within New York several are serving at the Washington Square Library of New York University, one at the Reference department of Columbia University library, one at the library of the National Industrial Conference Board, two at the library of the Horace Mann School, and one at the library of the Girls' High School. The Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant research at Yonkers has received one student in its library, as have also the East Orange Free Library and the Art department of the Newark Public Library. Students also have been assigned to the library of Rutgers University, to the City Library Association, Springfield, Massachusetts, to the Sibley Musical Library, Rochester, N. Y., and to the libraries of the Massachusetts General Hospital and of the Chelsea Naval Hospital at Boston.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The Handbook of the American Library Association is in a considerable measure a Who's Who of librarians. Inclusion in it follows membership in the Association. Former students who are not members of the American Library Association may wish to consider the professional value of being listed in the Handbook. This is not the only advantage of belonging to the American Library Association, but it is a very material one.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBRARY EDUCATION

Doubtless most former students are familiar with the efforts being made through the American Library Association to improve the facilities for preparing librarians for their work. The Temporary Library Training Board, after functioning for a year, was succeeded last summer by the Board of Education for Librarianship, as a result of action of the Council of the American Library Association at the Saratoga Springs Conference. Since that time the Board has visited most of the library schools, has held one open meeting, and has conferred exhaustively on the matters before it. Its attention is being directed mainly to the revising of curricula, to the problem of credentials, to the projects for advanced instruction, and to the question of recruiting.

At the open meeting of the Board held in Chicago on December 31st, 1924, representatives of the Alumni Associations of the various library schools were asked to take places on the program. Miss Marie A. Newberry participated in the discussion, having been designated by President McCombs to speak for the Alumni Association of the Library School of The New York Public Library. Subsequently the Board has asked for nominations of several alumni of each library school with a view to gaining from them comments as to present practice in their particular schools; and a number of former students who have been enrolled since 1920 are presumably to be called upon for constructive criticism.

The work of the Board of Education for Librarianship promises to be far-reaching. It is being undertaken in a broad way and with reference not only to desirable ends, but with full appreciation of the difficulties which both libraries and library schools experience in discovering the most competent candidates and giving them the most suitable preparation. The greater the interest which the profession at large develops in the activities of the Board, the better are the prospects for stronger library schools and improved library service.

APPOINTMENTS

- L. Lindsey Brown, 1919-20, Librarian, Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn., to assume duties May 1st, 1925.
- Margaret E. Calfee, 1914-16, Librarian, Du Pont Experiment Station, Wilmington, Delaware.
- Inez Crandle, 1916-17, Assistant Librarian, Savannah (Ga.) Public Library.
- Isabel Davidson, 1917-18, Librarian and editorial assistant, Personnel Research Federation, 29 West 39th Street, New York.
- Marguerite V. Doggett, 1917-20, who has been serving as Reference Librarian at Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, South Carolina, has been appointed head of the library.
- Esther E. Frank, 1920-21, Children's Librarian, Port Huron (Mich.) Public Library.
- Margaret M. Hanna, 1922-23, Assistant, Cataloguing Department, Brooklyn Public Library.
- Margaret Jackson, 1914-15, Librarian, Chatham (N. J.) Public Library. Miss Jackson is giving instruction in the junior book selection course at the Library School as in the past.
- Elizabeth T. Turner, 1916-17, 1918-19, Librarian, DuBois (Pa.) Public Library.
- Mary C. Venn, 1920-21, Reference Librarian, Oberlin College Library.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Elizabeth A. Banks, 1919-20, received in November a prize of \$250.00 worth of books of her own selection, in recognition of suggestions submitted in a Doubleday, Page and Company Better Books Contest.
- A daughter, Sarah Lindsey, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Lindsey Brown, 1919-20, on December 7th, 1924, at New Haven, Conn.

Lenore Greene, 1915-17, who is a cataloguer in the Los Angeles County (Cal.) Free Library, has also as part of her duties the librarianship of the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art.

Helen M. Scarth, 1911-12, 1922-23, is conducting The Farmington Print and Book Shop, at Farmington, Conn.

The *Library Journal* for January 15, 1925, contains a "Summary of recent literature relating to college and university libraries...prepared by Keyes D. Metcalf," 1911-14, "with the assistance of Anne H. Denny and Ermine Stone," of the present junior class; also an analysis of the registration to date at the American Correspondence School of Librarianship, submitted by Forrest B. Spaulding, 1912-14, Assistant Director. In the *Library Journal* for February 1, 1925, there is an illustrated article on the public library at Chatham, N. J., of which Margaret Jackson, 1914-15, has just been appointed Librarian.